Additional SPORT

Blues Help Bucs Back Into First

KELOWNA 7—VERNON 3

Vernon Blades, from their lowly position at the bottom of the Okanagan Junior "A" Hockey League, still pull the strings controlling the balance of power atop the league.

The Blades unwillingly did some more manipulation Saturday night in Kelowna when they dropped another game 7-3 to allow the Buckaroos to climb back into a share of first place in the OJHL.

The Buckaroos are again deadlocked with the Kamloops Rockets and could regain sole possession of the number one run if they can somehow persuade the Blades to pull another string here Tuesday on Civic Arena ice.

The Blades have now lost 16 of 20 games played so far this season and are almost sure bets to finish in the cellar as the second half of the regular schedule has now begun and they are 16 points off the pace.

As has been the recurrent case for the past week the Blades were shy personnel again Saturday. Defenceman Dave MacKay failed to make the trip and Jim Stephen, the other regular, was unable to make the game until the second period.

However the Blues made good with what they had and it just wasn't enough to cope with the powerful Buckaroos.

They held the Cowboys to a 1-1 tie in the first period but he roof eventually caved in and they were trailing 4-1 going into the final frame when the Bucks added another three to their two.

Bobby Stein scored two goals to lead the Blades with Frank Harrison netting a single. Corky Agar, who amassed an astounding 15 points in three games, was held scoreless although he played another steady game.

Team captain Harvey Stolz fired in three goals for the Buckaroos followed by John Strong with two, Ken Kivisto and Gordie Schnepf with one apiece.

Dennis Taylor handled goaltending duties for the Blades in place of regular Brian Woodward.

Vernon Blades, with no success whatsoever on the road, will at least attempt to get a win streak going on home ice Tuesday night when they play host to Kelowna Buckaroos at the Civic Arena.

In their last home stand the Blades edged out the Kamloops Rockets 9-7 in overtime and a victory tomorrow night could make it two in a row for fans to howl about.

However the Buckaroos are hungry for sole possession of first place in the Okanagan Junior "A" Hockey League and a win over Vernon Tuesday would be mighty convenient for their purposes.

So far this season the Blades have only been able to best the Bucks once on their home ice and that was way back in October. Meaning they are long overdue.

The game is set for 8 p.m. at the Civic Arena. Programs will be on sale at the door as usual.

School Grid Go Way—Like It C

Whether you like it or not the Okanagan-Mainline High School Football League has gone the American way.

The league, at a meeting held last week, voted to switch from Canadian rules to American. The move passed by a 3-2 vote of the clubs

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Vernon Blades vs. Kelowna Buckaroos

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